

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the firefighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training in and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class require frequent supervision, receiving specific instructions and direct supervision from a Fire Lieutenant.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines and directing fire streams; forcible entry; ventilating buildings; and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire. Positions apparatus and connects to supply source. Operates pumper to supply adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates required fire flow, friction loss, intake and discharge pressures necessary for fire suppression.

Communicates with dispatcher and fire vehicles using two-way radio. Notifies dispatcher to call for emergency medical help when needed.

Performs salvage tasks necessary to protect property, using covers, tarps, or other materials. Locates and extinguishes hidden fires and hot spots. Removes containers of flammable or hazardous materials at fire scene or acts to contain hazardous material spill or control spread. Shores up or tears down weak and dangerous structural components. Removes debris and charred waste.

Participates in fire investigation and fire cause determination. Informs officer in charge of suspected arson. Observes

witnesses at the fire scene and questions witnesses to determine fire cause. Participates in fire inspections.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles. Performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required. Maintains inventory of equipment and supplies and performs minor repairs. Inspects fire hydrants, conducts flow tests, and periodically flushes hydrants to remove rust and sediment.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, and notifying officer in charge of needed repairs.

Completes forms and records as required.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens or comforting distraught victims or relatives at a fire scene, giving lectures or demonstrations to community groups about fire prevention. Provides information and tours to the public concerning the work of the fire department.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age. Must have a valid driver's license.

Prior to beginning work in this class, must obtain and maintain a valid Louisiana driver's license.

Within the first six (6) months of employment, must successfully complete a driver training course as per departmental policy.

Must obtain certification as Firefighter I, as defined by NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualification, within one year of employment.